

Directions: Read the boxed article. Then answer the items that follow.

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Maria Ruiz Says Run for Mayor in November is Unlikely
MIAMI — Maria Ruiz, the current city council president, announced at yesterday’s press conference that it is “highly unlikely” that she will run for mayor in the November election. “I have no immediate plans to throw my hat into the ring, although I haven’t made a final decision,” Ruiz said yesterday at 10:00 A.M. on the steps of City Hall.
When asked if she would consider a bid for mayor in the future, Ruiz replied, “It’s more likely than not. . . . I love politics, I love public life. Public service is my lifeblood.” Prior to her election to the city council, Ruiz served two terms in the district attorney’s office as a prosecutor.
The press conference ended on a high note, when Ruiz unveiled the city’s new budget. “We have reduced spending by ten percent,” she noted, “while cutting no services at all. In fact, we have budgeted more money to the library, extending the library’s service by 25 hours every month! We’ve also added an after-school youth services program.” The budget vote will be November 11, from 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Palmer High School.

1. Previewing the text tells you that this article is about
- a. Miami

b. the November election

c. Palmer High School

d. Maria Ruiz
2. Which *two* details would be included in a good summary of the article?
- a. Maria Ruiz is city council president

b. The conference was at 10:00 A.M.

c. Ruiz does not plan to run formayor

d. Ruiz was a district attorney prosecutor
3. Which *two* details might *not* be important enough to include in a summary?
- a. The news conference was held on the steps of City Hall.

b. Ruiz shared the new budget for the city.

c. The budget vote is November 11, 6:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Palmer High.

d. The new budget is ten percent less than the previous budget.

PRACTICE WORKSHEET A, CONTINUED

4. On the lines below, write a summary of the news article.